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Sino-Soviet Bloc City Target Sketch Maps

- 1. At the recent meeting (14 March) between members of your Staff, D/GG, and D/GC, a proposal to prepare approximately 200 sketch maps of selected Sino-Soviet Bloc cities was discussed in detail. Many valid reasons were presented which justified the project. The scope of the coverage and the general format were determined and a proposal to prepare a "sample" of 6 cities was tentatively agreed on by D/GC. The Geography Division had stated in the meeting that it was unable to contribute to the project due to lack of available man-hours.
- 2. After closer examination of this Division's committed workload, I regret to report that I cannot see my way clear to undertake this project at this time. Therefore, the preparation of the samples is also considered to be somewhat futile.
- 3. The inability to undertake the project is most unfortunate as I consider it a very worthy proposal.

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